Kidnapping of school children

†816. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the kidnapping incidents of school children in different States including Bihar in the recent past; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to check such incidents and the number of cases in which CBI probe has been ordered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) 'Public Order' and 'Police' being State subjects, prevention, detection, registration, investigation and prosecution of crimes are primarily the responsibilities of the State Governments. However, the Government of India has from time to time been advising the State Governments to take such measures as are necessary for the prevention of crimes against all vulnerable sections of society including children. With a view to deal with the organized crimes effectively, all State Governments and Union Territory Administration have been advised to set up Organised Crime Units (OCU) to be headed by Senior Police Officer.

In the recent past, on reference of the Government of Manipur, CBI has registered a case of kidnapping of a 8 year old girl of Little Flower School of Manipur, who was kidnapped on 04.11.2003 by unknown person.

Harassment of Indian traders in Nepal

817. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Nepals' Maoist extremists have targeted Indian-origin traders along the Indo-Nepal border in Gonda in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether several families of traders settled in Nepal had migrated to nearby areas of UP following ransom demands and harassment by Maoists in Nepal; and

(c) whether India has taken adequte steps to prevent the entry of extremists/anti-social elements from Nepal to India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) No such reports have come to the notice of the Government.

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(c) SSB and the bordering State namely Bihar, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Sikkim and Uttaranchal have been advised to increase vigil along the entire Indo-Nepal border and undertake intensive patrolling of the areas bordering Nepal to prevent ingress of Maoist elements into the Indian territory.

Terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir

†818. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of terrorist activities have come down in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether the strength of the troops of Central Police Forces deployed for the safety of citizens in Jammu and Kashmir have now been reduced by Government; and

(c) whether the number of troops of Central Police Forces deployed at present in Jammu and Kashmir is adequate to provide security to the people of Jammu and Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir. The number of incidents of terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir have come down. The comparative figures for the last three years are given below:—

Year	Terrorist incidents
2002	4038
2003	3401
2004	2565

(b) There has been no reduction in the level of deployment of Central Para-Military Forces (CPMFs) in the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

(c) As reported by the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir, at present the number of CPMFs deployed for countering terrorism is adequate to tackle the situation.

The strategies, tactics and deployment of CPMFs to counter the terrorists are constantly reviewed, refined and monitored at various levels in the State Government, including the two Unified Headquarters headed by the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir and by the Central Government.

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